

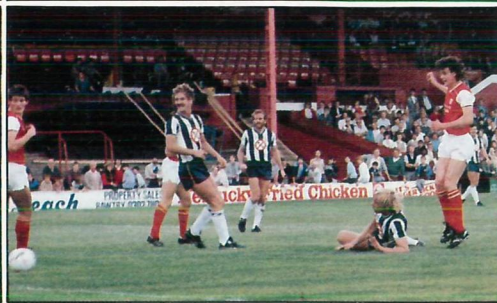


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TEAM TALK

Following the disasters in Bradford and Brussels, the game certainly has had to sort itself out and in these troubled times it is very gratifying to know that at Doncaster we are blessed with genuine soccer supporters who steer clear of trouble. Talking of genuine supporters, it was also pleasing to know that many of you had made the journey down to South Wales last Saturday for our opening game of the season at Newport.

We obviously had problems, losing the services of four established first-team players through suspension, and with Alan Brown still sidelined through injury I included teenagers Micky Nesbitt and John Deakin in the squad. Both of the youngsters had promising debuts and Micky took his goal in style. Though it was a good all round team performance I must also praise the display given by Neil Woods, who, having excelled in pre-season friendlies scored a good goal at Newport.

Overall we perhaps should have got all three points from the match, but in view of the situation I thought the lads battled well and the 2-2 draw was the least we deserved.

On a more general note I have tried to bring a little more experience to the side during the close season. Last term I felt we had perhaps a shade too much emphasis on youth and there were games where it just needed that experienced head to settle things down. The signing of Dave Cusack, Tony Brown and Dave Rushbury have, I'm sure, gone a long way towards achieving blend of youth and experience.

Unfortunately I had to write these notes before our mid-week Milk Cup game at Meadow Lane against Notts County, but if the lads battled as well as they did at Newport then they won't have come away empty-handed.

Thank you for coming to to-day's game against Bolton Wanderers, I hope you enjoy the match.

Billy Bremner

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WHEN WE MET BEFORE

by **KEN BROWNING**



The complete Football League record for Rovers v Bolton Wanderers matches has produced the following statistics:-

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<i>Season</i>	<i>Comp.</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Scorers</i>	<i>Attend.</i>
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1984/85	Div. 3	Won	2-0	Snodin G. (2)	4850

AT BURNDEN PARK

<i>Season</i>	<i>Comp.</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Scorers</i>	<i>Attend.</i>
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As can be seen from the above records, today's game will be only the fifth ever League meeting between Rovers and Bolton Wanderers.

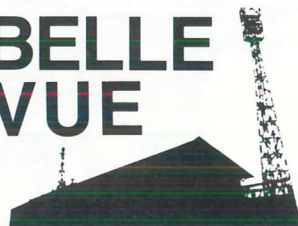
Last season, when Bolton travelled across to Belle Vue to play Rovers, they came unstuck on the M62 when their team coach broke down. However, Wanderers completed the journey in a fleet of taxis and arrived at the ground in time to present the team sheet to referee Tony Ward without incurring a penalty.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

CANON LEAGUE — DIVISION THREE
Saturday 31st August 1985 K.O. 3 p.m.

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AROUND THE THIRD

PETER CATT takes a detailed look at life in Division Three



Pride of place on the opening day of the season last Saturday must go to Doncaster's own 16-year-old debut-maker Micky Nesbitt who scored the quickest goal in Division Three after only four minutes. Elsewhere there were few shocks although Notts County came in for an unexpected 4-1 hiding at home to Cardiff who were relegated with them from Division Two last season.

Many people expect County to be strong contenders for a quick return to the Second Division and they have some useful players particularly Rachid Harkouk. But it is rare for teams to bounce straight back and none of the three relegated sides would be on my shortlist of promotion contenders.

Wolves, who finished at the bottom of Division Two last season, are competing in the Third for the first time in over 60 years and have had a sorry time of it recently with the club's future in doubt right up to the eve of the kick off. They lost their opening game at Brentford but could surprise a few teams this season if they manage to sort out their financial problems.

Derby County, the bookmaker's favourites for promotion, started on a winning note for the first time in twelve years, beating Bournemouth 3-0 at the Baseball Ground. Ex-Bolton winger Jeff Chandler, one of several close season signings, notched two of the goals to mark his debut and County inevitably attracted the biggest Third Division crowd of the day — 11,324.

The Rams manager Arthur Cox used the transfer tribunal to good effect during the summer. Bolton were asking £100,000 for Chandler but the tribunal fixed the fee at £38,000. They also signed Shrewsbury skipper Ross MacLaren, valued at £125,000, for £67,500 and Hull midfield ace Steve McClaren for £70,000 when the Humberside club were asking, for £200,000.

Derby also signed Leicester keeper Mark Wallington for around £25,000 and much will be expected of them this season.

The smallest Third Division crowd was at Lincoln — 2,099 — where the home side achieved a creditable 1-0 victory over last season's fourth placed club Gillingham. Besides losing long-serving manager Colin Murphy, who has taken over at Stockport, Lincoln have also transferred four of their best players Gordon Hobson to Grimsby, Steve Thompson and George Shipley to Charlton, and Alan Walker to Millwall and they could struggle this time.

Walsall produced an upset winning 3-2 at Bristol City who had new signing Brian Williams from Eastville neighbours Bristol Rovers sent off on his debut.

Brentford's Terry Bullivant, who scored in the 2-1 win over Wolves, also received his marching orders on the opening day.

Of the side's promoted from the Fourth Darlington started the season on a Sunday and were held 3-3 by Bristol Rovers after being two goals up, Blackpool lost at Reading and Chesterfield and Bury played each other with the Saltergate side winning 4-3.

PETER CATT



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ROVERS SUPPORTERS CLUB CORNER

by KEN AVIS



We extend a warm welcome to all Rovers supporters at our first home League match in what we hope will be a very successful season. Although we are no longer with the Snodin brothers, Billy Russell & Steve Lister, the acquisition of experienced players like Dave Cusack, Tony Brown, Brian Caswell & Dave Rushbury will no doubt strengthen our defence, one of the weaknesses of the side last season in my opinion.

We would remind all past members that we are re-enrolling for the new season and the membership fee remains unchanged from last season at £1 for adults (40p for Juniors & O.A.P.'s). Remember that your membership fee includes free insurance cover, participation in two free draws each home match day, a free copy of the Rovers handbook, which will be available soon. You are also entitled to travel on Supporters Club transport to away games. If you have never previously been a member of the Supporters Club, join today and help us to help the Rovers.

At our game with Newport County, debut-boy Micky Nesbitt came out on top in the voting for the Player of the Year with 11 points followed by Tony Brown with 7, Neil Woods 5, Jim Dobbin & Dave Rushbury 3 each and John Buckley one point. As these notes were prepared prior to our Milk Cup game with Notts Co., the results of the voting at that match will be given in our next programme. Apart from deciding the Player of the Year, we shall also be organising the Player of the Month awards for the Bob Nellis Trophies and we shall invite members of the Supporters Club, selected by ballot, to make the monthly presentations to the players in question.

We shall continue our match-day cash draw and the winning number will be announced at half-time and you will have to make your claim within 20 minutes of the end of the game. Today's prize starts at £1 and 50p will be added at each subsequent match if the prize is unclaimed.

Today's winner of two Main-stand tickets is member no: 128 who is Cheryl Lynne Jones of 19 Abbey Walk, Scawsby, Doncaster who is a member of our York Road Branch.

The branches formed at Hatfield Woodhouse & Moorends just before the end of last season have decided to amalgamate and will be known as Thorne Branch. They will meet alternatively at The Moorends Hotel & the Hatfield Woodhouse W.M. Club. The Secretary is Ian Hepworth of Hollin Bridge, Hatfield Woodhouse and if you would like details of their meetings either contact Ian or see us at the Office and we will put you in touch.

The established branches at Barnby Dun, Conisborough, Retford & York Road are all active and they are busily enrolling members. We would also draw attention to the Junior Rovers Section and the very wide list of events they are planning throughout the season.



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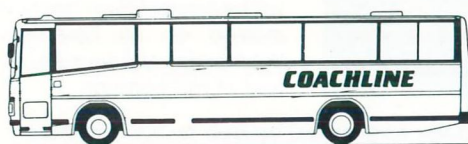


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JUNIOR ROVERS

by DAVE ROLLIN



Today sees the first home match of the season for the Rovers in what we all hope will be a very successful season. The Junior Rovers wish all the new players a happy and successful career with the Rovers.

Today, we welcome members of Bolton Wanderers Junior Whites who will have played the Junior Rovers at Football earlier in the day, this being the first of about a dozen games to be played this season. Last season we had a very pleasant time when we visited Bolton and hope that our guests enjoy their day with us. Although the summer months are supposed to be quieter, this has definitely not been the case for the Junior Rovers with many activities taking place in the last ten weeks.

On Sunday 1 June, a Junior Rovers team played in the National Federation of Supporters Clubs 5-a-side competition at Watford, having qualified in the Regional Heats at Batley. The team of Steven Bisby, Alistair Burns, Steven Calladine, Jamie Roberts, Anthony Vaux and Vaughan Wagstaff put up a remarkable performance, reaching the semi-finals before losing in a Penalty Shoot Out to Hibernian with their match against Celtic being the best performance, the Juniors losing by 4-2 after a hard fought game. Celtic went on to win the Final, conceding only four goals in total.

Also during the summer we have seen the first ever Junior Rovers Pool team competing in the Second Division of the Doncaster Junior Pool League. Although this was our first attempt, and despite the fact that many of the team had never played in a Pool Team before, our team proved too strong for the opposition and won the Division, losing only one match in the process. Success did not end there, however, as the team then went on to win the Cup Competition and defeated the First Division Champions in the Semi-Final. The team deserve every congratulation on their success and we now look forward to next season when we will be competing in the First Division.

The last of our annual competitions took place on Sunday 14 July when the Superstars Competition took place at the Deaf School with over 40 members taking part in eight events to find the age group and overall winners. In the 6 and under group, Adam Brandreth was the winner, Andrew Featherstone winning the 7-10 age group and Mark Illman winning the 11 and overs group, Mark also retaining the Don Abbott Memorial Shield as the overall top points scorer.

Today sees the issue of the first Newsletter of the new season. All last years members will receive a copy, although this will be the last copy unless you rejoin. The membership fee has been kept at last years price of £3 each with a £1 reduction for additional members from the same family. Members who have already completed their Membership Forms for 1985/6 will be able to obtain their packs today.

You will be able to join today so listen out for announcements concerning the location of the Junior Rovers Office and call and see us after the match. Please also call and collect your Newsletters and see what is happening in the next few weeks.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Welcome to Today's Rovers Mascot, Brendan McGrane of Pheasant Bank, Rossington. Brendan, who is 12 years old, attends Rossington Comprehensive School and lists Swimming, Running, BMX and Tennis amongst his interests. We all hope that Brendan enjoys his afternoon as the Rovers Mascot.



Lee Padgett of Armthorpe who was Rovers' Mascot in the last home game of the 1984/85 season (v Orient) receives a memento from his favourite Rovers player of the time, Glynn Snodin.

As ardent Rovers' followers will be aware, Glynn has now moved on to Sheffield Wednesday and we wish him well at Hillsborough.

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ACTION SHOTS

by ROY INGRAM

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Billy Russell gets in a shot on the Sunderland goal despite the attentions of Clive Walker.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY....
John Buckley comes within a whisker of levelling the scores against Sunderland as Rovers pile on the pressure.



Rovers John Buckley beats a Sunderland defender in another determined attack, as Rovers tried desperately to get back on terms in the recently pre-season friendly.

AT BELLE VUE TODAY

BOLTON WANDERERS F.C.



PHOTOCALL 1985/86

Back Row: Mark Came, Dave Sutton, Simon Farnworth, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sam Allardyce.

Middle Row: Walter Joyce (Coach), Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Jimmy Phillips, David Cross, Roger Walker, Warren Joyce, Peter Nightingale (Physio).

Front Row: Asa Hartford, Dereck Scott, Graham Bell, George Oghani, Dean Roberts, Simon Rudge, Charlie Wright (Team Manager)

The last seven seasons have been somewhat traumatic for the followers of "The Trotters" and fortunes have slumped dramatically for a side who in the past have enjoyed a fair share of success.

Wanderers were champions of the Second Division at the end of the 1977/78 season, going into the First Division along with Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur. Sadly their stay amongst soccer's elite was short-lived, and at the end of the 79/80 season they were relegated into the Second Division along with Bristol City and Derby County. Without really threatening to return to their former glory Bolton nosedived even further and it was little surprise when at the end of the 1982/83 season they were relegated into the Third Division along with Burnley and Rotherham United.

Last season Wanderers finished in 17th place in the Third Division table, three places behind Rovers, having totalled 54 points.

Wanderers manager is Charlie Wright, who was appointed to the hot seat at Burnden Park in January of this year.

SIMON FARNWORTH (Goalkeeper)

Voted Player of the Season by the fans last term in only his second full season in League football! Under the watchful eye of Charlie Wright, who has coached him since his school days, Simon has developed into one of the most promising talents on the North West scene, and deserved his recognition under the Robinson's Young Player award scheme.

DEREK SCOTT (Defender)

The highly versatile Gateshead lad and former England Schoolboy international signed from Burnley in the summer for £20,000 after 10 seasons of first team football with the Clarets. It was the third time Wanderers had tried to sign him.

JIMMY PHILLIPS (Defender)

A home town boy who emerged last season at left back and as a central defender with many encouraging qualities.

DAVE SUTTON (Defender)

The former Plymouth central defender joined Bolton for £12,000 in the close season after eight years with Huddersfield where he was club captain and enjoyed two promotion campaigns including a Fourth Division Championship success.

MARK CAME (Defender)

The big centre half made a forceful impact last season — his first in League football after joining Wanderers from non-league Winsford.

PAUL FITZPATRICK (Defender)

Bolton moved in for the young defender after seeing him in trials with Liverpool. He showed a lot of promise in his brief appearances at senior level towards the end of the season.

ASA HARTFORD (Midfield)

A half-century of Scottish international caps behind him, the seasoned midfield player joined Wanderers in the summer after his shock release by Norwich City, for whom he scored the winning goal in last season's Milk Cup Final against Sunderland. Clydebank-born, Hartford started his career with West Brom and in spells with Manchester City (twice), briefly with Nottingham Forest and two years with Everton, he was regarded as one of the most influential of British midfield players.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield)

An award as one of the North West Young Players of last season was a fitting reward for the determined young sporting all-rounder who has been a regular in the Bolton midfield since making his debut at the age of 19 in April, 1983.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield)

A powerful shot is just one of the assets of the strong young midfield player who has been a first team regular for two seasons.

GRAHAM BELL (Midfield)

In his third season with the club, Graham joined the Wanderers from Carlisle in January 1984 with a wealth of experience after spells in the North West with Oldham and Preston.

SIMON RUDGE (Forward)

Small in stature but big in heart, the Warrington-born youngster who started his League career with the Wanderers as a striker made an impressive switch to midfield last season.

ROGER WALKER (Forward)

Speed and control are the exciting talents of the youngster who has been impressing in the club's junior sides for a couple of seasons.

TONY CALDWELL (Forward)

The club's top scorer in successive seasons since being snapped up by the Wanderers from a local non-league club in the summer of 1983. Within two months of hitting the League scene he scored a club and Third Division record five goals in a League game against Walsall.

GEORGE OGHANI (Forward)

Twenty-one goals last season proved that the talented striker who made goalscoring his business in his non-league days also had the instinct to make it in the Third Division.

DAVID CROSS (Forward)

Few men can boast as consistent a scoring record as the much-travelled striker who joined Wanderers in the summer after being released by First Division West Brom, where he had returned for a second spell after playing in America. The North West is David's home territory although he has travelled the country serving up a feast of goals with Rochdale, Norwich City, Coventry, West Ham, Manchester City and Oldham during a League career of well over 500 games.

DEAN ROBERTS (Forward)

A promising, fearless striker who was robbed of a possible senior breakthrough last season by an untimely injury.

SAM ALLARDYCE (Defender)

In his second spell with the club following his £10,000 transfer from Huddersfield, Sam made his name with the Wanderers in the Seventies when he shared in the Second Division Championship success. Transferred to Sunderland in 1980 Allardyce also had spells with Millwall and Coventry.

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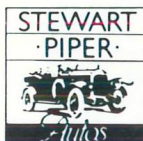
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K.O. 7 p.m.

Wednesday 4th September 1985
v. **SUNDERLAND**
K.O. 7 p.m.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
AT YORKSHIRE MAIN GROUND,
EDLINGTON

Saturday 31st August 1985
v. **YORK CITY**
K.O. 11 a.m.

Saturday 7th September 1985
v. **GRIMSBY TOWN**
K.O. 11 a.m.

STATISTICS

Compiled by Tony Bluff

DIVISION 3 STATISTICS 1984-85

ROVERS PRE-SEASON GAMES 1985-86

Saturday 3rd August 1985, at Belle Vue. Attendance 1,297

ROVERS (0) 1 (Russell pen. 90 mins)

Sunderland (2) 2 (Moore 6 mins, Hodgson 44 mins)

Rovers Team: Peacock; Russell; Rushbury; Humphries (Philliben 46 mins); T. Brown; Cusack; Buckley; Woods (Nesbitt 68 mins); Douglas; Harle; Dobbin.

Saturday, 10th August 1985, at Belle Vue. Attendance 1,226

ROVERS (2) 2 (Woods 21 mins, Dobbin 42 mins)

West Bromwich Albion (2) 3 (Whitehead 3 mins, Mackenzie 38 mins, Varadi 60 mins)

Rovers Team: Peacock; Russell; Rushbury; Philliben; T. Brown; Cusack; Buckley; Woods; Douglas; Harle; Dobbin.

Tuesday 13th August 1985, at Worksop.

Worksop Town 0 ROVERS (2) 5

(Woods 14 mins, Russell 39 mins, Dobbin 59 mins, Buckley 63 mins, Woods 76 mins).

Rovers Team: Peacock; Holmes (Harle 75 mins); Rushbury; Russell; Philliben; T. Brown; Buckley; Dobbin (Travis 75 mins); Douglas; Woods; Nesbitt (A. Brown 67 mins).

HAT-TRICKS (OR MORE) SCORED

AT HOME

1.9.84	3	WILSON, Derby County v. Bolton Wanderers
8.9.84	3	RAFFERTY, Bournemouth v. Rotherham United
22.9.84	3	CALDWELL, Bolton Wanderers v. Plymouth Argyle
20.10.84	3	OGHANI, Bolton Wanderers v. Preston North End
20.10.84	3	G. ROBERTS, Brentford v. Gillingham
3.11.84	3	HOUCHEEN, York City v. Gillingham
24.11.84	3	SENIOR, Reading v. Cambridge United
28.11.84	3	DAVISON, Derby County v. Doncaster Rovers
2.2.85	3	HIRD, Burnley v. Rotherham United
9.4.85	3	GODFREY, Orient v. Bolton Wanderers
13.4.85	3	WHITEHURST, Hull City v. Orient
17.5.85	3	SHEARER, Gillingham v. Wigan Athletic

AWAY

8.9.84	3	A. BROWN, Doncaster Rovers v. Reading
22.12.84	3	CHAMBERLAIN, Newport County v. Derby County
26.12.84	3	TYNAN, Plymouth Argyle v. Bristol City
26.1.85	4	COOPER, Newport County v. Brentford
5.3.85	3	NEVILLE, Bristol City v. Bolton Wanderers
23.3.85	3	COOKE, Brentford v. Bradford City

FIXTURES 1985/86

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug 21	York City	A	
Aug 28	Burnley	H	
Sept 4	Sunderland	H	
Sept 11	Preston North End	A	
Sept 18	Middlesbrough	H	
Sept 24	Rotherham United	A	
Sept 30	Wolves	A	
Oct 9	Grimsby Town	H	
Oct 16	Scunthorpe United	A	
Oct 23	Bradford City	H	
Oct 30	Port Vale	A	
Nov 6	Oldham Athletic	H	
Nov 12	Coventry City	A	
Nov 20	Notts County	H	
Nov 26	Blackpool	A	
Dec 4	Bolton Wanderers	A	
Dec 11	Stoke City	H	
Dec 17	Sunderland	A	
Jan 15	York City	H	
Jan 22	Preston North End	H	
Jan 28	Burnley	A	
Feb 5	Scunthorpe United	H	
Feb 11	Bradford City	A	
Feb 18	Middlesbrough	A	
Feb 26	Rotherham United	H	
Mar 5	Wolves	H	
Mar 11	Grimsby Town	A	
Mar 18	Oldham Athletic	A	
Mar 26	Port Vale	H	
Apr 2	Coventry City	H	
Apr 8	Notts County	A	
Apr 16	Blackpool	H	
Apr 23	Bolton Wanderers	H	
Apr 30	Stoke City	A	

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug 10	Sunderland	A	1—2
Aug 17	Barnsley	H	5—1
Aug 24	Bradford City	A	
Aug 31	York City	H	
Sept 7	Grimsby Town	H	
Sept 14	Round 1 Challenge Cup		
Sept 21	Halifax Town	A	
Sept 28	Hartlepool United	H	
Oct 5	Huddersfield Town	A	
Oct 12	Hull City	H	
Oct 19	Leeds United	H	
Oct 26	Lincoln City	H	
Nov 2	Middlesbrough	A	
Nov 16	Round 2 Challenge Cup		
Nov 23	Rotherham United	A	
Nov 30	Scunthorpe United	H	
Dec 7	Sheffield United	A	
Dec 14	Sheffield Wednesday	H	
Dec 21	Sheffield Wednesday	A	
Dec 28	Sunderland	H	
Jan 4	Barnsley	A	
Jan 11	Bradford City	H	
Jan 18	York City	A	
Jan 25	Grimsby Town	A	
Feb 1	Halifax Town	H	
Feb 8	Hartlepool United	A	
Feb 15	Huddersfield Town	H	
Feb 22	Hull City	A	
Mar 1	Leeds United	A	
Mar 8	Lincoln City	A	
Mar 15	Middlesbrough	H	
Mar 22	Newcastle United	A	
Mar 29	Rotherham United	H	
Apr 5	Scunthorpe United	A	
Apr 12	Sheffield United	H	
Apr 19	Newcastle United	H	

FINAL TABLES 1984/85

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester City	34	27	6	1	81	20	87
Hull City	34	20	8	6	68	26	68
Leeds United	34	21	3	10	85	37	66
Wigan Athletic	34	19	5	10	60	54	62
Doncaster Rovers	34	17	7	10	48	43	58
Oldham Athletic	34	14	12	8	67	63	54
Middlesbrough	34	15	4	15	60	57	49
Bolton Wanderers	34	15	3	16	62	65	48
Sunderland	34	14	5	15	57	53	47
Blackpool	34	13	6	15	69	92	45
York City	34	12	8	14	56	54	44
Grimsby Town	34	11	10	13	50	57	43
Wolves	34	12	4	18	58	75	40
Port Vale	34	12	3	19	48	62	39
Scunthorpe United	34	10	8	16	53	64	38
Preston North End	34	10	6	18	44	63	36
Burnley	34	6	4	24	41	74	22
Rotherham United	34	3	8	23	37	85	17

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield Town	28	15	9	4	49	28	39
Sunderland	28	15	7	6	63	32	37
Leeds United	28	18	1	9	79	53	37
Newcastle United	28	11	12	5	51	26	33
Middlesbrough	28	13	5	10	56	44	31
Sheffield United	28	11	9	8	38	38	31
Hartlepool United	28	13	4	11	54	50	30
Bradford City	28	10	10	8	46	46	30
Sheffield Wednesday	28	12	5	11	62	52	29
Doncaster Rovers	28	9	10	9	49	43	29
Rotherham United	28	11	6	11	56	57	28
Barnsley	28	9	8	11	41	53	26
Grimsby Town	28	7	3	18	33	62	16
York City	28	5	6	17	21	58	17
Lincoln City	28	2	3	23	18	74	7

DIVISION 3 STATISTICS 1984/85

(Compiled by Tony Bluff)

TOP TEN ATTENDANCES

10.11.84	Bristol City v. Bristol Rovers	18,672
1.1.85	Derby County v. York City	16,113
6.5.85	Hull City v. York City	15,795
11.5.85	Millwall v. Plymouth Argyle	13,460
16.2.85	Hull City v. Bradford City	14,752
13.4.85	Derby County v. Bradford City	14,063
20.10.84	Derby County v. Hull City	13,422
13.4.85	Bristol Rovers v. Bristol City	12,957
29.9.84	Derby County v. Lincoln City	12,244
8.4.85	Bristol City v. Hull City	11,952

THE TEN LOWEST ATTENDANCES

30.4.85	Cambridge United v. Lincoln City	1,235
30.3.85	Newport County v. Lincoln City	1,307
4.5.85	Cambridge United v. Plymouth Argyle	1,435
6.5.85	Lincoln City v. Walsall	1,473
20.4.85	Cambridge United v. Reading	1,514
6.5.85	Rotherham United v. Cambridge United	1,515
20.3.85	Newport County v. York City	1,535
27.11.84	Newport County v. Brentford	1,591
23.2.85	Cambridge United v. Newport County	1,622
23.3.85	Newport County v. Wigan Athletic	1,626

HIGHEST SCORES HOME

22.9.84	Bolton Wanderers	7	Plymouth Argyle	2
3.11.84	York City	7	Gillingham	1
2.2.85	Burnley	7	Rotherham United	0

HIGHEST SCORES AWAY

10.11.84	Orient	4	Hull City	5
29.12.84	Swansea City	1	Derby County	5
26.1.85	Brentford	2	Newport County	5
4.5.85	Bradford City	2	Reading	5
6.5.85	Preston North End	2	Wigan Athletic	5

MOST GOALS SCORED IN A MATCH

29.9.84	Plymouth Argyle	6	Preston North End	4
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Tony Bluff



ROVERS GOALSCORERS



1984/85

League: G. Snodin 18, Douglas 10, Harle 9, I. Snodin 8, Buckley 6, Butterworth 5, Deans 5, A. Brown 4, Lister 2, Woods 2, Dobbin 1, Parker 1, Philliben 1 (Total 72).

Milk Cup: A. Brown 1, Douglas 1.

F.A. Cup: Douglas 2, Harle 2, Philliben 1, G. Snodin 1.

CLUB



NEWS

The York Road branch of the Rovers' Supporters Club held their Annual Fun Run at Cusworth Park on Sunday 28th July. There was a strong field despite the rain. From the left John Buckley, winner 22 years old Michael Charlton of Stainforth who received the Simon Lockyer Memorial Shield and the Mayor Councillor Lionel Hall, who made the presentation.



Members of the Conisbrough Branch of Rovers' Supporters Club who won £1000 in Rovers' 3-2-1 draw during the summer are seen with Rovers' striker Alan Brown who presented the cheque.

Rovers' striker Alan Brown draws out the winning number in Rovers 3-2-1 Society weekly draw at the Rovers' v. Sunderland friendly match.



CLUB



NEWS

James Anderton the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police Force and the Association of Chief Police Officers' spokesman on Violence at Sporting Events, echoes public feeling in the aftermath of the Brussels disaster.

"Enough is enough. The measures we shall implement will prohibit drunken behaviour on the terraces and provide no hiding place for the hooligans. Police share public concern about violence at sports events and in the wake of last season's tragedies they are ready to take every possible step to protect people and prevent public disorder".

During the close season the Association of Chief Police Officers has worked with Government, the Football Association, the Canon League, the Football Trust, Transport Authorities and others involved to co-ordinate an effective response to the problem of football hooliganism.



THE SPORTING EVENTS (CONTROL OF ALCOHOL) ACT

Under this Act it will be an offence to:-

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- (b) Possess alcohol or a controlled container on entry to a designated sports ground or to be drunk on entry to the ground or in any part of the ground.
- (c) Sell or supply alcohol at designated sports grounds subject to certain limited exceptions.

INCIDENTALLY.... One third of all Football League clubs in England and Wales are based in just four police areas in the country; Metropolitan London, Greater Manchester, West Midlands and South Yorkshire.

It is disappointing to have to report that Rovers' skipper Dave Cusack had a very expensive suit stolen from Dave Harle's car which was parked in Doncaster last weekend. It seems a rather odd thing to steal; it can't be of much use to people unless they are of Dave's exact build. If any of Rovers' supporters hear of anything which might lead to the recovery of the suit... please get in touch with Dave at the club.

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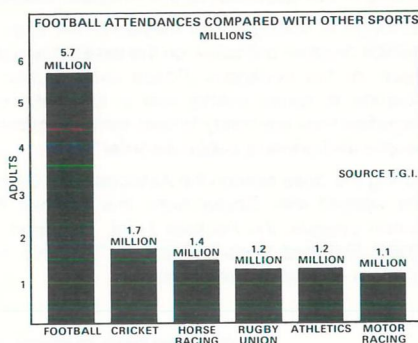
SOCCER ROUND-UP

by **ALAN SMITH**

SO WHO SAYS SOCCER IS LOSING OUT?....

Amidst all the criticism about this beloved game of ours, a recent survey undertaken by Target Group Index, the national research company, suggests that there are none so far out of step as the soccer 'knockers'.

Using attendances as the yardstick, T.G.I. discovered that 5.7 million adults will watch a football match compared with its nearest rival cricket with 1.7 million. T.G.I. then turned their attention to soccer itself. Including recorded matches, 14.9 million watched it on television, 9.9 million read reports. 8.7 million bet on football pools and 5.7 million attend all types of football matches.



WELL DONE CREWE....

Though the balance sheet for the 1984/85 season is not yet available, it is remarkable to note that in the preceding 20 years Fourth Division Crewe Alexandra whose gates average no more than two-and-half thousand have turned in a profit more times than they have recorded a loss. Since Crewe boast an unbroken membership of The Football League stretching back to 1921, their's really is a survival on a shoestring story.

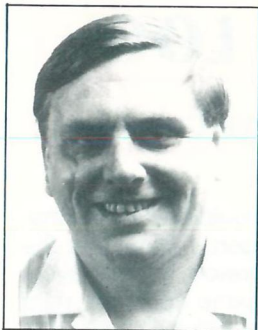
Five-figure cheques, apart from V.A.T. and rates etc., are almost collectors items at Gresty Road. They have written only two, both for £10,000 in the transfer market when in the mad month of September 1979, they bought Colin Chesters from Derby County and Mike Guy from Sheffield United.

The most profitable item of equipment at Gresty Road is without any doubt the club coach. Crewe live in it and they bless their proximity to the M6 and through it the entire motorway system. Their longest journeys are Exeter and Torquay, but from afternoon kick-offs they will make it home by 2 a.m.

The last time Crewe's players enjoyed the cosseted luxury of an overnight stay was when they played QPR in the second round of the Milk Cup in season 1983/84. Buttressed by the prospects of a home game against First Division opponents, Crewe splashed out.... at the less than a tenner-a-night Bisham Abbey.

DID YOU KNOW?....

In view of the disqualification of English clubs from all European Competitions, Bangor City of the Multipart League (formerly known as the Northern Premier League) are now the sole representatives in Europe of Welsh and English football. They start their campaign against Norwegian Club Frederikstaad on Wednesday, 18th September, with the second leg to be played at Bangor on Wednesday, 2nd October.



Barry Watson

PROGRAMME CORNER

YESTERYEAR PROGRAMMES

Against today's opponents:

BOLTON WANDERERS

DATE: 29th September, 1984
 SCORE: Doncaster Rovers 2 Bolton Wanderers 0
 SCORERS: G. Snodin (2)
 TEAMS: DONCASTER ROVERS: Peacock, Russell, Yates, Snodin I, Philliben, Humphries, Dobbin, Douglas, Butterworth, Harle, Snodin G, SUB: Buckley.
 BOLTON WANDERERS: Farnworth, Borrows, Phillips, Joyce, McElhinney, Valentine, Thompson, Chandler, O'Ghani, Caldwell, Bell, SUB: Came.
 REFEREE: Tony Ward, (London)

Unfortunately we have to start this new feature with a modern programme, due to the fact that the last time the two teams met, prior to this game was 80 years ago. But as the season moves on, there will be extracts from much older programmes involving Rovers' games.



MATCH REPORT

Neither side established any sort of supremacy in the first half.

In the second half, Glynn Snodin raced clear, and beat four Bolton defenders near the edge of the box before being fouled, he still kept possession, and might have scored, but the referee blew, and awarded a free kick which came to nothing. By this time, Rovers were pressing very hard, and persistence was rewarded when they took the lead in the 58th minute. Ian Snodin tapped a short free kick to his brother Glynn, who thundered a rocket of a shot home from fully 30 yards out. Rovers should have stretched their lead when they were awarded a penalty, but Bolton 'keeper Simon Farnworth pulled off a tremendous save from Ian Snodin's spot kick.

Both Butterworth and Valentine had their names taken for a clash on the touchline, the relentless pace continued, and Peacock had to save a fierce shot from Chandler in the 63rd minute. Rovers fought their way back into the game, and it was no surprise when Glynn Snodin claimed another goal for Rovers. Bolton brought on sub Mark Came in an attempt to get back in the game, but this had little effect.

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Many thanks to ERNIE WILES for providing the match details. Ernie is the official statistician to DONCASTER ROVERS F.C.

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This is another new feature in this season's programme, and if anyone wishes to place an advert in an individual match programme, all you have to do is write to B. WATSON, 40 WESTON ROAD, BALBY, DONCASTER DN4 8NF S. YORKS or telephone (0302) 854816 after 4 p.m. The cost of adverts is 3p per word, name and address free, plus 65p inclusive of p & p for a copy of your advert in the corresponding matchday programme, which will be forwarded to you.

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CAPTAINS LOG

by DAVE CUSSACK

On behalf of the whole playing staff I would like to welcome you all to Belle Vue for the new season. I know that the game is in a bit of a turmoil after the horrifying events of last season, but as players we also realize that we have a responsibility to steer the game down the right channels. You can rest assured that we, at Doncaster, will strive to put some pride back into what is still the greatest game in the world.

Of course the events of last season have meant that Belle Vue, along with all other grounds in the country, is undergoing major reconstruction to bring it up to standard, and it is reassuring to know that we can still rely upon your support throughout these difficult times.

Undoubtedly the bright spots from last week's 2-2 draw at Newport were the performances of teenagers Micky Nesbitt and John Deakin who were both drafted into the squad late in the week. Micky's goal came very early in the game and did wonders for the boy's confidence, and he is obviously keen to establish himself regularly in the first team. John, operating on the left-hand side of mid-field showed some excellent composure when Newport put the pressure on in the second half, and he too is naturally looking to make the breakthrough from the Juniors.

Thank you for your continued support....
it is greatly appreciated.

Dave Cussack.



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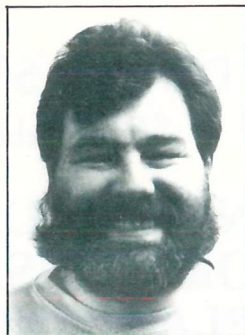
A LOOK BACK AT THE PLAYERS & EVENTS OF
THE LAST 106 YEARS

BY TOM BEARDSLEY

WELCOME BACK

I hope you've all had a good close season — I won't say summer, we've not had one yet! I would like to commence this season's series of articles with a highly interesting article sent to the Club last season by exiled Rovers' supporter John Coyle of Solihull. John sent his letter and article last February but lack of space has held up it's inclusion till now. I hope you all enjoy reading it as much as I did.

I've included his letter — because it says nice things about us programme contributors! The article is reprinted word for word as John sent it in. The only change from the original is the addition of some old pictures of the players mentioned that I've dug out from old newspapers.



Before you go on and read about the old Rovers' goalscorers, can I make an appeal to any old Rover's supporters or players to make themselves available for interview for inclusion in these Memory Lane articles and inclusion also in a couple of books we're producing on the history of the Rovers and on all the players who have had the honour of pulling on a Rovers' jersey.

Tony Bluff and I recently visited 73 year old Matt Moralee of Mexborough. He played for Grimsby Town, Aston Villa and Leicester before the last war and was a guest player at Belle Vue during the war. The most interesting thing about Matt, however, was that his father was the Rovers' centre half during the 1904/05 Second Division campaign. Matt has kindly let us copy a team photo of the Rovers of 80 years ago. It is that type of thing we're looking for. What would be of particular interest to us would be any pictures of the Rovers' two old grounds at Bennetthorpe and the Intake behind the Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf. So dig out those attics for any Rovers' pictures or photos prior to 1923. In fact any old Rovers' pics would do for inclusion in the programme or the books we're researching. Give me a ring on Don. 850251. Ernie Wiles, the Rovers statistician, as well as contributing to Ken Browning's article and Barry Watson's new programme page will also be assisting me again this season as regards statistical background.

ROVERS GOALSCORERS SINCE THE WAR

8 Beauchamp Road,
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14th February 1985

Dear Sir,

I am writing to offer the enclosed contribution for publication in a forthcoming match programme. Like many other Rovers supporters, I have been very interested by the features by Tom Beardsley, Ernie Wiles, Paul Gilligan and others on aspects of the Rovers history. I therefore resolved to do some research of my own and came up with a piece on Rovers Goalscorers. I hope you will be able to publish it, since I feel it will be of interest to many supporters.

I have followed Rovers for over fifteen years, first watching the team in 1969-70 season, when Lawrie McMenemy was manager. In 1978 I moved with my family to Solihull, but I have continued to attend Rovers matches, both home and away, as often as possible. Last season I saw 29 First Team games. I also keep my own records of Rovers performances, though I have few details of the pre-1945 period, and I hope that one day I shall be able to fill these gaps.

Finally, may I say that I feel that this year's programme is the best I have seen produced by Rovers, and compares very favourably with any other I have read this season. When the club gains promotion to the Second Division we shall have a programme, as well as a team and supporters, worthy of that status.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COYLE.

MEMORY LANE

PART TWO



Left to right, Clarrie Jordan, the league leader with a striking rate of 78.33%, and three more of his 46/47 team mates who appear in the table, John (Jackie) Thompson, Bert Tindill and Ralph Maddison.

The recent, highly-interesting feature by Ernie Wiles about Rovers' Goalkeepers prompted me to look in the other directions; namely at the striking rates of post-war Rovers goalscorers. I restricted my survey to League matches only and excluded players who played in less than twenty games or scored under fifteen goals. I then calculated a percentage figure based on the ratio of goals per game (hence a player who scored 20 goals in 40 appearances would have a percentage of 50%). The Top Twenty were:-

Player	Career	Appearances	Goals	Percentage
Clarrie Jordan	1946-47	60	47	78.33
Colin Booth	1962-63	88	57	64.77
Laurie Sheffield	1965-66;1969	73	40	54.79
Tony Leighton	1959-61	83	45	54.22
Peter Doherty	1949-52	103	55	53.39
Alick Jeffrey	1954-56;1963-68	262	129	49.24
Peter Kitchen	1970-76	228	89	39.03
Ray Harrison	1949-53	126	47	37.30
Alfie Hale	1962-64	119	42	35.29
Bren O'Callaghan	1973-77	187	65	34.76
Ernie Moss	1983	44	15	34.09
Ian Nimmo	1979-81	86	29	33.72
Jim Fernie	1958-60	89	30	33.71
Jim Fletcher	1957-59	45	15	33.33
Paul Todd	1946-49	160	51	31.87
Jack Kirkaldie	1946-47	51	16	31.37
Ralph Maddison	1946-47	61	19	31.15
Mike Elwiss	1971-73	97	30	30.93
Bert Tindill	1946-57	4402	122	30.35
John Thompson	1946-47	59	17	28.81

('Appearances' includes Substitute appearances. In 'Career' column, '1946' denotes Season 1946-47 etc.).

You will note that this list covers most well-known Rovers goalscorers. One who is missing is Alan Warboys, though it should be remembered that his most prolific days were spent away from Belle Vue, and that when he returned in 1979, he played many matches in defence. His record was 32

MEMORY LANE

PART THREE

goals in 130 matches, a percentage of 24.61%. The careers of several of the men listed above are well documented, notably Jordan, Jeffrey, Ray Harrison, and Kitchen, while the deeds of O'Callaghan, Moss, Nimmo, and Elwiss will be relatively fresh in the minds of many supporters. However, it is worth relating the records of some others.

Colin Booth had a remarkable career record. A Mancunian, he represented Wolves, Nottingham Forest and Oxford (plus, of course, Rovers), and appeared in one under-23 International while with Wolves (a goalless draw with France in 1956). Overall, he played in 301 League games, scoring 144 goals, a record which would today have surely led to full international honours. He was Rovers' leading scorer in both his seasons with the club, scoring 34 times in 45 appearances in 1962-63, then hitting 23 in 43 games in 1963-64. He twice hit Hat-Tricks, one at Newport in April 1963 and another at home to Southport in December of the same year. His outstanding record is perhaps best put into perspective by the fact that he scored more goals in 1962-63 than all the other Rovers players put together (34 out of 64). It was a great loss to the club when he joined Oxford United in the summer of 1964, assisting them in their promotion from the Fourth Division the following season, when Rovers finished eighth.

Laurie Sheffield was a much-travelled man, playing for eight league clubs in all, and he enjoyed two spells at Belle Vue. In his first spell, from 1965 to 1966, he showed impressive form, scoring 34 times in 58 games, and picking up a Division Four Championship Medal for the 1965-66 season, when he netted 27 times. In late 1966 he joined Second Division Norwich City, a wise move on his part, since Rovers were subsequently relegated. He rejoined Rovers briefly in 1969-70, but he did not claim a regular place and moved on, for the last time, to Peterborough, where he finished his career. His overall record is impressive, 132 goals in 281 games, a percentage of 46.97%.

Tony Leighton joined Rovers in 1959 after an unsuccessful spell at Elland Road. He soon won a reputation as a brave Centre-Forward, scoring 15 League goals in his initial season (second-top scorer behind Jim Fernie), 16 in his second and 14 in his third (both times top scorer). He was then released by the club and joined Barnsley, hitting 59 goals in 106 matches while at Oakwell. Subsequently he appeared for Huddersfield, Bradford City and Bradford PA, being briefly manager of the ill-fated Park Avenue side. He experienced poor health during the later years of his career and sadly died at a relatively early age.



Alfie Hale (left) and Colin Booth, deadly striking members of the 1963/64 Rovers



Laurie Sheffield — Third in the Top Twenty with a striking rate of 54.79%



The late Tony Leighton who had two prolific goalscoring seasons with the Rovers, 1959/60 and 1960/61



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PAUL'S HALF TIME QUIZ

1. Which Manchester City player scored from a penalty in the 1981 F.A. Cup Replay?
2. Bert Turner (36) was the oldest player to score in an F.A. Cup Final — for which team?
3. Telford United knocked out four League clubs during the 1984-85 F.A. Cup, Lincoln, Preston, Darlington and which other team?
4. Which current Fourth Division side has appeared in twenty three F.A. Cup Semi-finals?
5. Which League Club scored most goals in last seasons F.A. Cup Competition?
6. Which team has scored most goals in a season whilst in Division One?
7. Which member of the 1983 Manchester United F.A. Cup winners team had made only seven previous first team appearances?
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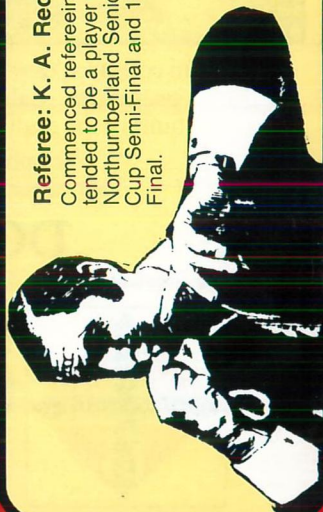
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